

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for certain formal issues. Applicants have amended their claims as the Examiner requested. Applicants have also added a new claim 6 that corresponds to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

All outstanding issues have been addressed and this application is in condition for allowance. Should any minor issues remain outstanding, the Examiner should contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below so they can be resolved expeditiously without need of a further written action.

Respectfully submitted,

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